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Whereas, an announcement has been made by Commissioner, Goa State Commission that Elections to Zilla Panchayat Constituencies in North Goa District shall be held on 18-03-2015 (Wednesday) in accordance with the Schedule notified vide Notice No. 5/21/ZP/N-S/2014-SEC/298 dated 25-02-2015 and directions have been given to ensure free and fair elections;

And whereas in my considered opinion there is necessity to impose ban on carrying of all types of arms and fire-arms and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the said bye-election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life or safety, disturbance of public tranquility or riot or an affray, during the electioneering and that there are sufficient grounds for exercising the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and that the circumstances do not permit to serve notices individually.

Now therefore, I, Nila Mohanan, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa, in exercise of the power vested in me under Section 144(1) of Cr. P. C., 1973 do hereby prohibit carrying of all type of arms, fire-arms, ammunitions and lethal weapons, in any public place, streets, roads, squares, thoroughfares, by-lanes or in any open place in the entire North Goa District, with immediate effect till the process of the said bye-election is completed i.e. till 20-03-2015 (Friday) and further direct the Arms Licence holders residing in North Goa District to deposit their weapons/arms forthwith in the Police Station concerned.

The above restrictions shall not apply to Banks/ /Public Servants/Defense Personnel/Security Personnel on duty and Sports Persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India and to those members of the Community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections. The above restriction shall also not apply to the persons who were exempted from depositing their Arms in the Police Stations during the last General Elections to Lok Sabha-2014. If any person has threat to his or her life and/or property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police, Goa, for providing necessary security by Police.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 9th day of March, 2015.

Nila Mohanan, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa.

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